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Dear Sir,

The proposed settlement by Microsoft to supply schools with computers and software does nothing but further entrench their monopoly. In fact, it leverages their share into one of the last markets where there is still real choice; education.

Instead of letting Microsoft dump their software into the nations schools, I suggest having Microsoft pay that same amount in cash, perhaps for a "technology" earmarked fund, and let the schools choose what they want to do with it. If they choose Microsoft, more power to them. If they continue to use Macs, that's fine too. At least they will have a choice, and they won't have the monopoly hoisted onto them under the false pretense of a "gift."

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